

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER

July 16, 1997

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA |) | |
| Complainant, |) | 8 U.S.C. § 1324c Proceeding |
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| vs. |) | OCAHO Case No. 96C00023 |
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| RAFAEL TORRES-TOVAR, A/K/A |) | |
| MARCO POLO TORRES, |) | |
| Respondent. |) | |

ORDER OF DISMISSAL-SETTLED

This is an action arising under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1324c (INA), in which the United States Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) is the complainant and Rafael Torres-Tovar, a/k/a Marco Polo Torres, is the respondent. On February 26, 1996, INS filed a complaint consisting of two counts with the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer (OCAHO). Respondent answered the complaint on March 28, 1996. After additional proceedings, this office was notified that the parties had agreed to a settlement and on July 14, 1997, the parties filed their Settlement Agreement signed by both parties which resolves all issues in the complaint.

Under § 68.14(a) of the OCAHO Rules of Practice and Procedure:

(a) Where the parties or their authorized representatives or their counsel have entered into a proposed settlement agreement, they shall:

- (1) Submit to the presiding Administrative Law Judge:
 - (i) The proposed agreement containing consent findings; and
 - (ii) A proposed decision and order;

or (emphasis added)

- (2) Notify the Administrative Law Judge that the parties have reached a full settlement and have agreed to dismissal of the action. Dismissal of the action shall be subject to the approval of the Administrative Law Judge.
28 C.F.R. § 68.14.

In this case, I find that the parties have complied with the requirements of 28 C.F.R. § 68.14(a)(2). I have reviewed the Settlement Agreement, and find that its terms are appropriate

pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 68.14(a).

I further find that under the terms of the Agreement, and pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 68.14:

1. Respondent has withdrawn its request for a hearing on the merits, and the hearing is canceled,
2. this matter is dismissed with prejudice in that respondent will pay a civil monetary fine in the total amount of \$250.00, to be paid in full upon execution of the Settlement Agreement and in the manner set forth in that Agreement,
3. it is appropriate to dismiss the instant proceeding based upon the parties' notification made pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 68.14(a)(2), and
4. the Complaint is dismissed.

SO ORDERED

Dated and entered this 16th day of July, 1997.

Ellen K. Thomas
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 16th day of July, 1997, I have served copies of the foregoing Order of Dismissal-Settled on the following persons at the addresses indicated:

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